GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF COIR PRODUCTS FOR ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the State Governments regarding purchase of coir products and cashew kernel for military use; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, requests have been received from State Governments of Kerala and Karnataka regarding placement of order for Coir Geo-Textile, Coir Products and Cashew Kernel on Kerala State Coir Corporation and Kerala State Cooperative Marketing Federation and for purchase of Coir mats, Mattings and other Coir based products from Karnataka State Coir Development Corporation Limited.

With regard to purchase of Coir products and cashew kernel, it is submitted that the Army purchases few Coir products like Mats Door, Matting Coir and Mats Gymnasia as and when demand arises.Mats Door and Matting Coir are being purchased through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal on Rate Contracts basis.The item Mats Gymnasia is being purchased through advertised tender enquiry. Tender notice for such enquiry is advertised in leading newspapers and is also published in Indian Trade Journal. The item Coir Geo-Textile is a road building material and the Border Road Organisation is in touch with Coir Board, Kerala for experimenting with the use of Coir Geo-textile in slope stabilisation on hill roads.